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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Once Amended) A protein according to Claim[s] 1 [or 2 comprising (i) to (iv), and optionally (v), and] which is capable of being cleaved by the toxin botulinum C.

4. (Once Amended) A protein according to Claim[s] 1[-3] wherein the hydrophobic C-terminus comprises the sequence from position 282 to position 296 of the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID No. 2.

6. (Once Amended) A protein according to Claim[s] 1[-5] wherein said at least one [of the] coiled coil regions comprises the sequence from position 210 to position 247 of the amino acid- sequence shown in SEQ ID No. 2.

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